

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

With entry of this amendment, claims 1-8 and 10-49 remain pending.

Objection to the Specification

The foregoing amendment to the specification corrects the specification as required by the Office.

Definiteness of the Claims

Claims 29 and 31-33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, as being indefinite on grounds that certain claim language lacked antecedent basis in their respective base independent claims. The foregoing amendments correct claim dependencies of these claims. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended above meet the requirements of § 112.

Patentability Over Art of Record

The Office has indicated that all claims remaining after this amendment would be considered allowable over the art of record. Claims 10-18, which were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, are respectively rewritten in independent form.

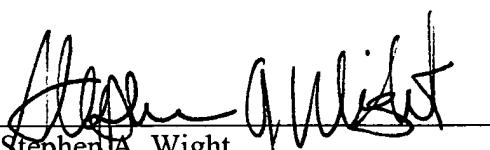
Conclusion

The application should now be in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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